

ALEXANDRIA COUNCIL
FRAMES NEW LICENSEFixes Tax on All Purchases Made
from Merchants.THE HERALD BUREAU.
H. K. Knight & Son.
21-23 King Street.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 27.—Under the provisions of the new license law for merchants, adopted by the city council tonight, a small tax on all purchases is made.

The tax will be as follows: On purchases of \$500 or less \$2.50; \$500 to \$1,000 \$5; \$1,000 to \$2,000 \$10; and in all purchases in excess of \$2,000 the rate is 50 cents a thousand. The loss to the city by the change would be \$4,000, but with this new tax the deficit will be made up.

The general laws committee recommended that the public drinking fountain, erected by the Colonial Dames at Cameron and Royal streets be removed within thirty days after the necessary ordinance for its removal is prepared by the city engineer.

An ordinance presented by Councilman Carlin providing for the codification and revision of the city laws was adopted.

The annual tax ordinance was adopted and is the same as last year.

An ordinance to run for twenty years, to parties not designated, to supply on street corners metallic boxes for waste paper and refuse to bear advertisements was adopted after it was amended so that the parties give an identifying bond of \$5,000. Ordinance making the road on Wilkes street to National Cemetery a public street was adopted.

The Alexandria Sunday School Association.

COUNT FIFTY! NO
RHEUMATIC PAINDon't Suffer! Instant Relief Follows
a Rubbing with "St.
Jacobs Oil."

Stop "dosing" rheumatism. It's pain only; not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil" right on the "tender spot" and by any time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain and distress. "St. Jacobs Oil" conquers pain! It is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache, neuralgia and reduces swelling. Limber up! Get a small trial bottle of old-time, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" from any drug store, and in a moment you'll be free from pains, aches and stiffness. Don't suffer! Rub rheumatism away.

SAYS HER ANSWER
IS "PLANT JUICE"Washington Lady Relates to
Her Friends the Cause of
Her Great Improvement.

Plant Juice is new. In a brief time it has sprung into world-wide prominence. There is no known medicine so effective in combating those prevailing ailments, which are sapping the life and energies of city people, namely, stomach and nervous disorder.



MRS. BURTON SNELL.

gers. Many men and women who have suffered from stomach, liver and kidney trouble are now enjoying perfect health, due to Plant Juice, as their numerous testimonials show.

In a recent interview, Mrs. Burton Snell, of No. 1718 North Capitol street, Washington, who has many friends and acquaintances here, said:

"For some time I have suffered with indigestion, could hardly get any food in my stomach, as it would ferment and cause gas to form, and I was in constant misery. My liver was in bad shape and caused me to become very dizzy at times. I had headache, and was so nervous I could not sleep at night. My blood was very thin, and my circulation poor—in fact, my entire system was in a badly run down condition. I had heard and read so much about Plant Juice that I decided to give it a trial. I am now able to eat anything I want without the slightest distress. I sleep well, have no more headaches, or am not constipated. I am feeling fine, and my friends have all remarked how well I am looking. I give all credit to Plant Juice for my recovery to health and well-being. I recommend it wherever I can."

The Plant Juice man is at the People's Drug Store, corner of Seventh and E streets northwest, where he is daily meeting the local public, and introducing and explaining the merits of this remedy.—Adv.

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Norfolk
And All Points South
New York and Boston By Sea
Daily from Seventh St. Wharf S. W.
6:45 P. M.
City Ticket Office, 731 15th St. N. W.
NORFOLK & WASHINGTON
STEAMSHIP CO.

tion at its annual meeting and rally held this afternoon in Trinity M. E. Church elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: George K. Bender, president; Second Baptist Church; A. M. Simpson, vice president; Grace F. E. Church; Elmer Thompson, secretary and treasurer; Second Presbyterian Church; John W. Herndon, superintendent of teacher training; Christ P. E. Church; Miss Helen N. Cummins, secretary department; Christ P. E. Church; Mrs. William Campbell, home department; Second Presbyterian Church; Miss Harriett Polard, elementary department; M. E. Church South; Judge L. C. Barley, adult department; Christ P. E. Church.

In the United States Court for the Eastern district of Virginia this afternoon Judge Edmund Waddell dismissed the suit of H. B. Hutchinson against the New York and Pennsylvania Company on the ground that process was improperly served. The suit was for alleged breach of contract on 4,500 acres of timber land.

The body of William B. Daingerfield, 71, a former resident, who died in Washington, will be brought here tomorrow. His children are: Mrs. Love, wife of Capt. James M. Love, U. S. A., stationed at Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Le Bourgeois, wife of Lieut. Henry Blow Le Bourgeois, U. S. N., now stationed at Annapolis, Md.; and William Bathurst Daingerfield, this city. He was a brother of Edward L. Daingerfield, this city.

The Belle Pre Glass Company's plant will be reopened tomorrow by the Old Dominion Glass Company and will give employment to 175 men and boys.

Arrangements have been completed by a number of horsemen of this city, Alexandria and Fairfax counties to participate in the inaugural parade.

D. W. Thayer, past master of King Solomon Lodge, Washington, and George W. Zachary, tiller of the local lodge, will Thursday night deliver addresses before the members of Andrew Jackson Lodge of Masons of this city.

EXTRA SESSION SURE;
MAY 1 PROBABLE DATELeaders of Both Parties in Both
Houses Agreed.

An extra session of the Sixty-fifth Congress to assemble either within a few days of the adjournment of the present Congress or else on or about May 1, is a certainty.

This fact was admitted yesterday by leaders of both parties in both Houses of Congress and the statement as to the approaching dates of assembling came from the highest source of legislative authority in Washington. The congestion of national business which has been becoming daily and hourly more apparent last night reached a state where the physical possibility of passing the great appropriation bills was doubtful. A filibuster threatened in the House last night. Chairman Fitzgerald, of the Committee on Appropriation was determined that the authorization of \$500,000 appropriation to investigate the food situation should not be included in the Sundry Civil bill. He was also determined that the bill should be acted upon before the House should adjourn and evidenced a disposition to fight.

Meanwhile the Senate was engaged throughout the day with the discussion of the administration revenue bill, and under an agreement today must be devoted to the same measure until 10 o'clock in the evening. In the Senate the \$233,000,000 naval bill and the \$250,000,000 army bill both await consideration and Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, seems determined to filibuster one, or the other, or both of these bills to extinction. But five calendar days remain in which to accomplish legislation.

Watch That Pimple



Go Before Cuticura

Just smear it lightly with Cuticura Ointment on end of finger. Let it remain five minutes and then wash off with Cuticura Soap and hot water, best applied with the hands which it softens. Remember that one pimple may become many. Prevent them by using Cuticura for every-day toilet use.

Sample Each Free by Mail
With 32-p. book on the skin. Address post-card: "Cuticura, Dept. 257, Boston." Sold everywhere.Real Estate
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No Commissions Charged

You can take 12 years to pay off your loan without the expense of renewing. \$1,000 for \$10 per month, including interest and principal, half of which is applied to reduction of debt. Larger or smaller loans at proportional rates.

PERPETUAL
Building AssociationLargest in Washington.
Assets Over \$4,500,000.
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JAMES BERRY, President
JOSHUA W. CARR, SecretaryConstipation Headache
Dr. Chase's Liver Tablets
Make the liver active, bowels regular without pain or griping, relieve all the blood and clear the complexion. After eating, purify the blood and clear the complexion. Large box, enough to last a month, 25c. Dr. Chase Co., 224 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

LAONIA STORIES TOLD

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edkewise, listing heavily to starboard, sinking inch by inch into its grave whence the wreck of the proud Lusitania beckoned welcome.

What followed was a classic of discipline and presence of mind. Under the direction of Capt. Irvine and his officers, the disembarking of passengers began. There was no panic, no mad tramping down of fellow-passengers, no violent pushing aside. Through the darkness of the night, sharp, clear commands responded to by an almost uncannily measured shuffling of feet toward the starboard side, for it was there that most of the lifeboats were launched.

Cries of Children.

Only the cries of children, rudely awakened from their slumber, indicated that all was not well. Glaring rockets shot skyward, humming the waters all around. There was no sign of the sinister assailant. In the wireless room two youths—Donnes and Taylor by name—quietly, persistently ticked away on their apparatus. O. S. O. S. a word in the world seemed theirs; teeth set with grim determination, their eyes calmly gazing out of the window where fear-haunted faces passed by like shadows, they stuck to their jobs.

"Closest call I ever had," said one of them tonight, laughing. "I was jolly well happy that the old apparatus stuck to us."

Meanwhile the rescue work went on in an orderly, systematic fashion. As the big liner leaned lower and lower toward starboard, the launching of boats on that side became more and more menacing. One of them overturned in the launching. Twenty minutes had elapsed after the first torpedo. Most of the boats were clear by this time, but there was increasing difficulty in getting the remainder off.

Second Missile Hits.

Then a God-send, almost, in the circumstances, a second missile hit the liner, this time in striking the engines on the port side. Again the big ship shook in its foundation, then staggered from one side to the other for a few seconds, clumsily regaining its balance and finally stood upright again, sinking lower and lower all the while.

All this time, Mrs. Harris, who is the wife of an American army officer, Colonel Harris, stationed at Fort Du Pont, and the granddaughter of a former governor of Pennsylvania, had been quietly doing what, from the first, she had conceived her "duty." To her, perhaps, is due the fact that the death roll of the Laconia did not run into scores. Immediately after the first torpedo had struck the ship she had taken to the captain's side and there she remained until every other passenger had left the boat. She checked up every woman and child as they were placed in the boats. Here and there, where hysteria threatened to overcome a passenger, she spoke a few soothing words and where a child seemed too thinly covered she lent a helping hand.

Steps Into Last Boat.

Finally after everyone else—except two—had left the liner, she took the arm gallantly held out by Capt. Irvine and with him stepped into the last boat to leave the sinking ship.

Even then there came from the radio room the methodical "tick-tick-tick" of the wireless apparatus. Donnes and Taylor were still on their job. Not until they had made certain all were safe did they emerge from their "office." Waving their hands to the occupants of the lifeboats, as if to tell them they need not worry, Donnes and Taylor jumped overboard. It was not a big jump—they could almost step into the water, for the sea was already-lapping the upper deck. Meanwhile the U-boat had been heard from—personally.

The lifeboats had been dangling on the swells for nearly half an hour, sometimes dangerously near each other until it was possible for the ocean to scatter widely so as to avoid collisions when the author of all the misery suddenly bobbed up on the surface. It came nearer its victim until the commander on the bridge could be clearly discerned.

Sank in 40 Minutes.

The Laconia sank about forty-five minutes after the first torpedo. Where she had been, pieces of wreckage floating now, while all around survivors of the 18,000-ton vessel were being tossed about in their lifeboats. Carefully skirting the waters that had swallowed the liner so as to avoid ramming her remnants and thus being dragged down to its victim's grave, the U-boat drew near a group of life boats, one of which contained the Laconia's second officer. Then the submarine commander offered this bit of consolation:

"You are only a short distance from shore. Be shouted in clear English."

The patrol (British) will save you. It was a grim illustration of the capacity of U-boats for listening in "on the radio messages between their victims and prospective rescuers."

Mrs. and Miss Joy were in boat No. 8. It had been swayed by the water, for being thrown into the icy water suffering terribly from the exposure. The two American women died as a result.

The rescue work was not completed until after daybreak.

THINK DEATH TOLL 30
IN MOUNT UNION WRECK

Mount Union, Pa., Feb. 27.—With the bodies of eighteen persons recovered from the wreckage of the sleeping car Bellewood, it was believed that the death toll of the first fatal wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad in three years would reach twenty. Dashing eastward at a speed of fifty-five miles an hour through a dense fog, a "preferred" freight train carrying foot-passengers to relieve the food crisis, crashed into the rear of the east-bound Mercantile Express here early today.

The Bellewood, the rear coach, was a veritable charnel car. Every person in the car perished. The removal and identification of the bodies was most difficult.

WOMEN!
MOTHERS!
DAUGHTERS!

You who tire easily; are pale, haggard; are nervous; who are subject to fits of melancholy or the "blues"; give your blood examined for iron deficiency. F. King, M.D., has taken three times as much iron as the average man and has increased your strength and endurance 200 per cent in two weeks. In many cases.—Ferdinand King.

PRESENT FILM DRAMA
TO INVITED AUDIENCE

First Showing of "The Witching Hour" at Moore's Garden.

A special pre-showing of the film version of Augustus Thomas' celebrated stage success, "The Witching Hour," was given last evening at Moore's Garden Theater before a specially invited audience composed of newspaper representatives, film exchange managers, exhibitors of this city and vicinity and people prominent in all walks of life.

The story of "The Witching Hour" is one that presents the scenario writer and director with innumerable opportunities for effective scenes and expert staging. The plot of the piece is based upon the telepathic power of Jack Brookfield, a gambler. Unconsciously he suggests through his psychic power the method by which a political aspirant may kill the governor, and it is done. The son of Brookfield commits murder, and the political aspirant in prosecuting the boy has all but won his case when Brookfield again brings his telepathic power to work on a member of the jury who holds out against conviction long enough for the exposure of the lawyer as the man responsible for the governor's death, to change the verdict of the other eleven. C. Aubrey Smith, as the gentleman gambler possessed of psychic power, acted with intensity and rare finish. All through the picture you could "feel" his strength and fine sincerity of purpose. Others in the company deserving of notice were: Jack Sherrill, Maria Shotwell, Robert Conness, Helen Arnold and Robert Ayerton. Special music added to the effectiveness of the showing of "The Witching Hour" that registered a complete success with all those present.

DEEMED "OVERT ACT"

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Chairman Flood said that the House Committee would endeavor to get the authorization measure, in some form, before the House today.

All day the Senate foreign relations committee struggled with the problem. Finally an agreement was reached on a bill, altering but little the President's request. It authorized vessels to arm, and the President to supply the needed guns, ammunition, and gunners, but it eliminated the President's recommendation that he be authorized to supply them, "should it in his judgment become necessary." Senators Stone, Hitchcock, O'Gorman, and Smith, of Michigan, sought to keep this language in the bill, but failed. Chairman Stone at once took the measure to the Senate floor. He presented the bill and asked for a first and second reading. When the first reading was concluded Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin arose and declared that he wanted to object to any consideration of the measure at this time. A parliamentary wrangle followed, ending when Senator Kirby, of Arkansas, in the chair, ruled that the objection would prevent the second reading of the bill, its reference to the foreign relations committee, and would force the measure over until today.

Senate Takes Recess.

A short time later the Senate recessed until this morning. Senators said last night that this would prevent consideration of the authority bill until after the Senate takes an adjournment, which will probably be late this evening. Thus it was apparent that the La Follette fight had blocked all opportunity for considering the bill until tomorrow. It was apparent that the La Follette was determined to block the measure, probably for the purpose of forcing an extra session of Congress as a check on the President's handling of the international situation.

The bill as laid before the Senate would provide: "That the commanders and crew of all merchant vessels of the United States and bearing the registry of the United States are hereby authorized to arm and defend such vessels against unlawful attacks, and the President of the United States is hereby authorized to and empowered to supply such vessels with defensive arms, force and aft, and also with the necessary ammunition and means of making use of them; and that he is hereby authorized and empowered to employ such other instrumentalities and methods as may in his judgment and discretion seem necessary and adequate to protect such vessels and the citizens of the United States in their lawful and peaceful pursuits on the high seas."

\$100,000,000 in Bill.

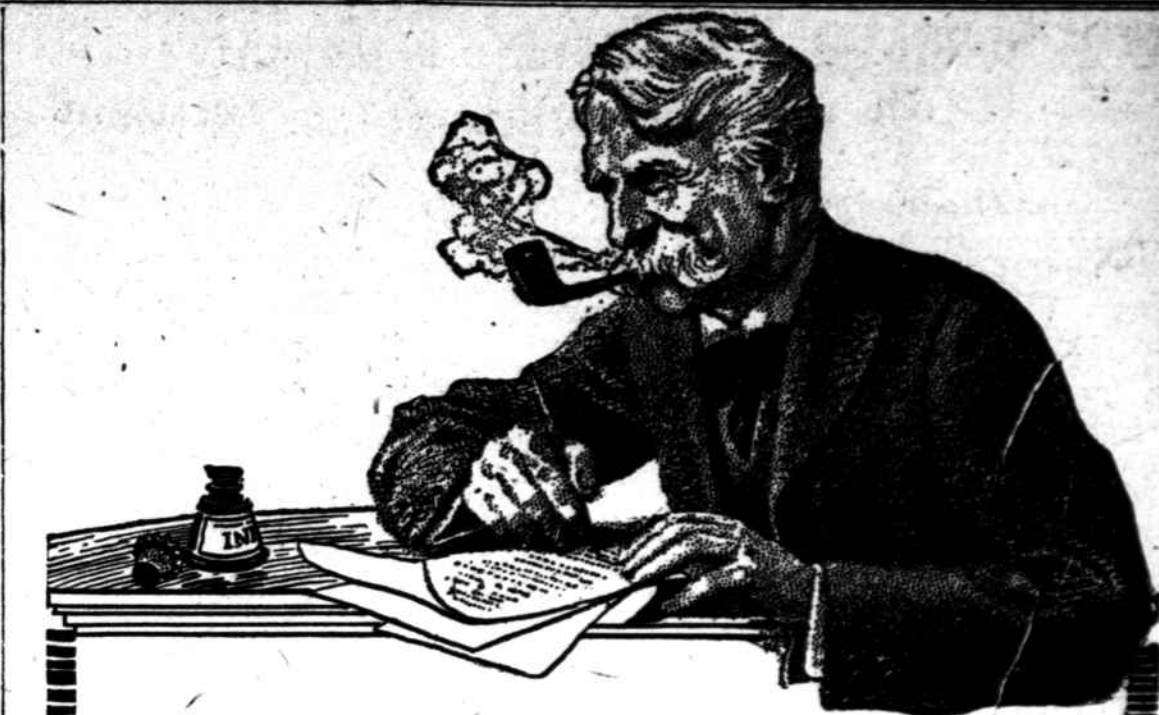
"The sum of \$100,000,000 is hereby appropriated to be expended by the President of the United States for the purpose of carrying into effect the foregoing provisions, the said sum to be available until the first day of January, 1918."

The bill would provide for a bond issue to raise the money appropriated, and would authorize the turning over of \$25,000,000 of the money to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance to finance insurance on American vessels against the present risks of war.

It was stated last night that this bill was satisfactory to the administration. The failure to secure immediate action in the Senate led to a plan to force the measure through the House, if possible, and place full responsibility for its delay on the opposition in the Senate. The apparent wide division in the House, however, made it doubtful as to whether the bill, in the form recommended to the Senate, could be put through the House at all.

Jesse Pomeroy, Charlestown "lifer," just out of forty-three years in "solitary," who declined the privilege of coming out with the other prisoners to work, won't have to go back to "solitary" or work either. He'll be a "guest" prisoner.

OPHELIA'S SLATE

THE man or woman that
"puts on airs" ain't half
as attractive as one that's
natural, an' what's true of folks
is true of tobacco.

Velvet Joe

A GREAT many pipe smokers
believe with us that no
method of curing and mellowing
tobacco is quite so good as
Nature's own ageing.

As one smoker—an ardent disciple of Velvet Joe—puts it: "I don't like tobaccos that have had things done to 'em."

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crops—for two long years.But your individual verdict to-
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many. That's the big reason for
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One Pound Glass Humidors

CAR STRIKE IMMINENT

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that the employees would pass by the rare opportunity of striking at this moment when the companies' hands are practically tied.

Officials of the companies have already declared that the demands of the employees are "exorbitant and unwarranted," which some employees are inclined to view as indicating a flat refusal if the controversy should be carried further.

One of the prominent officers of the union last night charged C. P. King, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, with "playing to public opinion by appealing to the patriotism of the men."

The union was further agitated upon learning that more than forty alleged strikebreakers had been brought to this city by the transit companies. The officials denied that they were strikebreakers, but that these strangers had come in answer to advertisements that they could find employment here.

The employees also viewed adversely the fact that President King's communication was addressed to George

A. Wilburt, Harry E. Jones and Frank M. Thompson as "constituting the grievance committee of the employees of the Washington Railway and Electric Company."

This was pointed to as indication that the companies still refuse to recognize that the employees have a union, and did evidently not intend doing so.

The present agreement expires March 11, and union men yesterday deplored the fact that they are "honor bound" until that time, and also that they did not have foresight enough last year to date their contract to March 1 of this year.

"BONE-DRY" UP AGAIN.

Moon Would Put Amendment in
Continuing Resolution.

Chairman Moon, of the House Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, last night introduced a joint resolution providing for the continuance of the present appropriations for the maintenance of the postal service in the event of the failure of the postoffice appropriation bill now in conference between the Senate and House.

The Moon resolution also makes provision for the enactment as a part thereof.

of the Reed "bone dry" amendment forbidding the transportation in interstate commerce of intoxicating liquors from wet territory into States where prohibition laws prevail.

A new method of building wood block flooring has been invented by C. J. Carter, of Kansas City, Mo. The process consists of detaching the ends of the blocks to the baseboards and smoothing the block surface to fit as tightly as a hardwood floor.

HOT TEA BREAKS
A COLD—TRY THIS

Get a small package of Hamburg Breast Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Thee," at any pharmacy. Take a teaspoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teacup full at any time. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking a cold at once. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore harmless.—Adv.

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Buff Label "Household," India-Ceylon	.60 per pound
Orange Label "Famous," India-Ceylon	.70 " "
Silver Label "5 o'Clock," India-Ceylon	.80 " "
Gold Label Genuine Orange Pekoe, India-Ceylon	\$1.00 " "
Black Label Finest Russian Caravan	\$1.00 " "
"H. M. B." Her Majesty's Blend (renowned for generations)	\$1.00 " "

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